

# City of East Tawas

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Jeff Gray  
Sanctuary Superintendent  
Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary  
500 West Fletcher Street  
Alpena, MI 49707

RE: Boundary Expansion for the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary

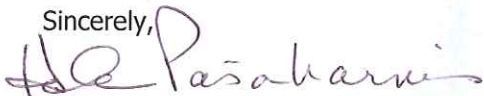
Dear Mr. Gray:

The City of East Tawas supports the proposed boundary expansion for the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary and Underwater Preserve to include waters off Alpena, Alcona and Presque Isle Counties.

The expansion of these boundaries will have significant positive impact on the understanding and research of our maritime heritage by enabling utilization of increased federal financial resources, along with increasing educational programming for the public. Residents and visitors will have greater awareness and understanding of the region's maritime heritage.

Thank you for all your work on this project and let the City of East Tawas know if there is anything we can further do to support this effort.

Sincerely,



Helen Pasakarnis  
Tax Increment Finance Authority Director

CC: Ron Leslie, City Manager  
Bruce Bolen, Mayor  
Ken Jungquist, TIFA Chair